

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Confirmation No.: 2833

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Group Art Unit: 1793

Application No.: 10/587,656

Examiner: Jessee Randall ROE

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For: FE BASE ALLOY HAVING LAYER AND METHOD FOR PRODUCTION THEREOF

REQUEST FOR REFUND

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

December 8, 2009

Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner to issue a refund for erroneously charging Counsel's Deposit Account No. 50-2222 in the amount of One Hundred and Eighty Dollars (\$180.00).

An Information Disclosure Statement was filed on September 24, 2009, with the following enclosures: 1) PTO-SB-08 Form, 2) European Search Report dated July 22, 2009, 3) Japanese Office Action dated August 11, 2009, and 4) four references.

However, Counsel's Deposit Account No. 50-2222 was charged \$180.00 on November 12, 2009, indicating the reference code 1806, which corresponds to "Information Disclosure Statement". Upon review of our records, there was no fee necessary for the Information Disclosure Statement filed on September 24, 2009. The Information Disclosure Statement was filed after the filing of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) (as filed on August 21, 2009), and not more than three months from the date of the European Search Report

and Japanese Office Action.

Please see the attached copies of the Information Disclosure Statement, PTO-SB-08 Form, European Search Report dated July 22, 2009, and Japanese Office Action dated August 11, 2009, as filed on September 24, 2009, a copy of the stamped postcard receipt, and a copy of Counsel's U.S. Patent & Trademark Office Monthly Statement of Deposit Account for your reference. All of these items are highlighted for your convenience.

It is, therefore, respectfully requested that the Office issue a refund to Counsel's Deposit Account No. 50-2222, in the amount of \$180.00.

Respectfully submitted,

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